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Recognizing the efforts of the National Association of Letter Carriers for its annual food drive.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

March 29, 2000

Ms. LOFGREN submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the efforts of the National Association of Letter Carriers for its annual food drive.

- Whereas this Nation, so great in wealth and prosperity, is still the home for 30 million men, women, and children who have neither wealth nor prosperity and who suffer daily from hunger;
- Whereas food donations across the Nation traditionally decline sharply during the spring and summer months and endanger the millions of people who depend on these contributions;
- Whereas the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC), having recognized this crisis, began its national food drive some eight years ago and collected millions of pounds of food every year since;

- Whereas in 1999, more than 1,500 local NALC branches in more than 10,000 cities and towns across the United States performed the extraordinary feat of collecting 58.4 million pounds of food for the needy;
- Whereas the eighth annual NALC Food Drive will take place on Saturday, May 13, 2000;
- Whereas 95 million postcards will arrive at homes across the United States during the week before the drive urging donations by postal customers;
- Whereas this national effort to "Stamp Out Hunger" is the world's largest single-day food drive and the largest single volunteer event in America each year;
- Whereas letter carriers will be collecting food as well as mail at mailboxes across the country, performing their daily job and collecting food for the hungry, come rain or shine; and
- Whereas the NALC food drive will greatly help the millions of Americans who depend on food banks across the Nation and should serve as a model of the level of effort and dedication needed to combat the hunger that ravages the country: Now, therefore, be it
 - 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—
- 2 (1) congratulates the members of the National
 3 Association of Letter Carriers for their hard work on
 4 behalf of the millions of Americans who go hungry
 5 each day; and
- 6 (2) encourages all Americans to follow their ex7 ample and donate food to the hungry and to this

- 1 food drive on May 13, 2000, by placing nonperish-
- 2 able food by their mailboxes.